

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Spinning.
Like a blind spinner in the sun,
I tread my threads,
I know that all the threads will run
Appointed ways;
I know each thread will bring its task,
And, being blind, no more I ask.

I do not know the use or rhyme
Of what I spin;
I only know that some one came
And laid within
My hand the thread, and said, "Since you
Are blind, but one thing you can do."

Sometimes the threads so rough and fast
And tangled fly,
I know wild storms are sweeping past,
And fear that
Shall fail, but dare not try to find
A safer place, since I am blind.

I know not why, but I am sure
That that and place
In some great fabric to endure
Past time and race,
My threads will have; so from the first
Though blind I never felt accursed.

I think, perhaps, this trust has sprung
From one short word
Said over me when I was young—
So young, I heard
It, knowing not that God's name signed
My brow and made me His, though blind.

But whether this be seal or sign,
Within, without,
It matters not. The bond divine,
I never doubt;
I know He set me here, and still,
And glad, and blind, I wait His will.

I listen, listen day by day,
To hear his tread
Who bears the finished web away,
And cut the thread
And bring God's message in the sun,
"Thou poor blind spinner, work is done."

—Helen Hunt Jackson.

Enjoyable House Party.

A very pleasant house party has been in progress for the past month, at "White Hall," the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Wood, near Park Union, Va.

Among those who have been charmingly entertained are Mr. J. D. Collins, of Buckingham county; Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Gresham and daughters, of Richmond; Mrs. Astor and son, of Surrey; Mr. and Mrs. Wirt Todd, of Fluvanna; and Mrs. J. B. Green and sons, of Surrey County, Va.

The enjoyment of summer days is augmented by hay rides, drives, walks and outdoor games of all kinds, tennis, croquet and golf being the most popular.

Mrs. Green and Mr. and Mrs. Todd, who are musicians of unusual merit, fill the evenings with sweet sounds and add greatly to the enjoyment of their house companions.

The day of parting is looked forward to with real regret, for Mr. and Mrs. Wood have proved themselves ideal hosts, and their house party mingle a lively sense of appreciation with the sorrow of saying good-bye.

Old-Fashioned Dance.

On Thursday evening, August 10th, in the hospitable home of Mrs. L. L. Mosley and the Misses Mosley, of Buckingham Courthouse, Va., an old-fashioned dance was given in honor of their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan D. Ransdell, of Washington, D. C. Music for the occasion was furnished by a string band.

The house was beautifully lighted with Japanese lanterns, which also furnished the illumination for the dance hall. In the dining-room, where delicious refreshments were served at midnight, the color scheme was in red. Dancing was resumed after supper, and ended at a late hour with the old Virginia reel, guests taking leave with many expressions of enjoyment over the gayety of the evening and the pleasure afforded by an introduction to the evening's guests of honor.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Darby Ransdell, of Washington, D. C.; Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Grigg, Professor and Mrs. E. P. Dahl, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley J. Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. Ewell Morgan, Mrs. Walter Garman, of Farmville, Va.; Mrs. J. D. Xoxlin; Mrs. Blumber Plannigan, of Richmond, Va.; Mrs. England; Misses Connie Moss, of Richmond, Va.; Mary Pearson, Annie Irwin, Annie Harden, of Dillwyn, Va.; Rosa and Nannie Mosley, Mary and Trent Pratt; Bettie Mosley, Lorna Hubbard, of Washington, D. C.; Ruth Grigg, Messrs. Sidney Puryear, Moses, and Garnett Smith, of Dillwyn, Va.; James G. Spencer, Frank Spencer, Vert Moore; Percy Shepherd, of Lynchburg, Va.; Harry Mosley, Frank Swoop, Addie Spencer, Leon Grigg, Jeter Davidson and Richard Grigg.

A Charming Tea.

Mrs. Williamson Talley and Mrs. Frank Adams, of Richmond, were the hostesses of a very charming tea given at the White Sulphur, Saturday afternoon last. The superb musical talent of Mrs. Talley is greatly admired by the summer residents of the Springs, and she is in demand for both social and charitable functions. Mr. W. Talley joined his family on Saturday.

Recent arrivals at the "White" from Richmond include Miss Tompkins, Mrs. J. B. Pace, Mrs. D. T. Williams, Messrs. N. O. Brooks, James J. Pallard, R. L. Woolwine, and others.

Children's Tournament.

The children's tournament recently given at "Pope Brook" by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mulliken was an event of great interest in Clarke county society.

About twenty-five children and a large number of spectators were present. The victors in the highly contested were Charles Mulliken, Jr., and George Barwell, Jr. Master Mulliken crowned Miss Mamie Lloyd and the choice of Master Barwell fell upon little Misses Ellen Alderson. The coronation ceremony took place on a dais erected on the lawn and decorated with white flowers. The two little queens were each presented by their knights with a handsome gold ring and bracelet.

The maid of honor were Misses Alice Alderson, Belle Cameron, Mary Carter Mulliken and Margaret Turner. Other knights included Richard Warner, Harlan Wilner, Percy Randolph, Joseph Jones, Hives Heath, Jack Robinson and Harris Nelson.

Society Poses.

The following item of interest was taken from the Washington Star of Sunday, which says:

Recently at "Mimmar," the beautiful home of former Senator J. P. Jones, at Santa Monica, Cal., a series of tableaux were given. The scene was laid in the

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THE COHEN COMPANY
Regular Bargain Shopping

We mean bargains for you! You now get near two dollars' worth of goods for one dollar in cash. There are fifty-eight departments in this store and you can't make a mistake in any of them. August is a bad month to force goods, but it makes the better prices for you. Here are some samples:

12½ to 25c Cotton Goods..... 0 1-4c and 10c
20c to 25c White Goods..... 0 1-4c and 12 1-2c
50c to 55c Silk Taffetas..... 35c and 50c

POEMS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Professor Charles Elliot Norton.

No. 573.

CHARIS, HER TRIUMPH.

By BEN JONSON.

SEE the chariot at hand here of Love!
Wherein my lady rideth!
Each that draws is a swan, or a dove,
And well the car Love-guideth.

As she goes, all hearts do duty
Unto her beauty!
And, enamored, do wish, so they might
But enjoy such sight,
Through swords, through seas, whither she would ride.

Do but look on her eyes! they do light
All that Love's world comprehend;
Do but look on her hair; it is bright
As Love's star when it riseth!

Than words that soothe her!
Do but mark her forehead's smoother
And from her arched brows such a grace
Sheds itself through thy face.

As alone their triumphs to the life,
All the gain, all the good, of the elements' strife.

Have you seen but a bright lily grow,
Before rude hands have touched it?
Have you marked but the fall of the snow,
Before the soil hath smutched it?

Have you felt the wool of the beaver?
Or swan's down ever?
Or have smelt of the bud of the briar?
Or the nard's fire?

Or have tasted the bag of the bee?
O, so white! O, so soft! O, so sweet is she!

This series began in The Times-Dispatch Sunday, October 11, 1903. One is published each day.

commodious reception hall of the sea-side home, and there were present more than a hundred of fashionable folk from Los Angeles, Santa Monica and nearby cities. There was a harmony in coloring and stage settings and the representations were so realistic and beautiful as to merit the enthusiastic applause received by the rare and talented actors. The first tableau was a charmingly dainty one, "If a Body Kiss a Body," from "Comin' Thro' the Rye," and little Miss Dorothy Jones and Master Gregory Jones were a fascinating pair. The four seasons were portrayed and many other beautiful pictures. Mrs. R. Jones as "Queen Louise of Prussia," was a striking and elegant figure. In the good-night scene, Mrs. John P. Jones represented a sweet and all-pervading "Mother-love," and in this she was assisted by two children of the house of Jones, who had appeared in the opening number.

Langhorne—Alexander.

The same paper, in its society column, has this pleasant mention of an already recorded nuptial event:

The marriage of Miss Mary Louise Alexander and Charles Melanoe Langhorne, which took place at St. Matthew's Church at noon yesterday, united two old families, and while the wedding was one of the most quiet midsummer affairs, it was not the less interesting to the hundreds of friends of the young people who will be informed of the marriage only through announcement cards.

The bride is the daughter of the late W. O. Alexander and Mrs. Mary Louise Alexander, his widow. She is the granddaughter of the late Columbus Alexander, who for many years was identified with high official life of the District, and whose widow yet resides in Georgetown.

The bridegroom comes of the famous Langhorne family of Virginia, and will take his bride to Richmond to live, where he is a well known business man.

The Rev. Father Reginald Williams, assistant rector of St. Matthew's, officiated at the ceremony, only a few relatives and personal friends being present. The bride wore an exceedingly attractive costume of white accented-plaid silk and a large white hat of graceful shape.

Miss Mayo Engaged.

The engagement of Miss Lela Mayo, daughter of Captain W. R. Mayo, of Norfolk, Va., and closely connected with the Richmond family of her name, to Mr. Walter L. Cutting, son of Colonel and Mrs. Walter Cutting, of Pittsfield, Mass., is announced. The wedding will take place in the autumn. Miss Mayo is now with her grandmother at Kiltory Point, Me.

Friday Night German.
A beautiful German was given Friday night last at Blue Ridge Springs by the Bozons German Club. Mr. Sandy Figgart and Dr. Ben Mooney sang, and the Gessner orchestra, of Annapolis, Md., furnished the music. Among the dancers were Miss Addison, of Richmond, with Mr. Langhorne, of Pulaski; Miss Gray, with Mr. Julian Addison; Mrs. Lambert, with Mr. Bretlow, and Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin, of this city. Mrs. James T. Gray, of Richmond, was one of the chaperones.

Personal Mention.
Mrs. Truman A. Parker, nurse and baby will leave to-day for Rowley Springs to spend several weeks. She will be joined at Rowley by her sister, the Misses Talbot, who have been members of a camping party in the mountains of Virginia. Dr. Parker will be succeeded in charge during the absence.

Wedding Invitations.
LYCETT, Engravers,
STATIONERS, to Society.
211 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Md.

of the Seventeenth Regiment at Basic City, and will spend his time there.

Mrs. M. W. Goodman and son, Walter, of Louisville, Ky., are visiting her son, Mr. Samuel L. Goodman, and his wife, of No. 227 South Pine Street.

Mr. H. M. Gaines, of Norfolk, formerly of this city, returned home yesterday after spending a pleasant vacation with friends and relatives.

Miss Elizabeth Carney, of Norfolk, Va., who will be married on next Thursday to Captain Charles Taylor, U. S. A., is entertaining her bridesmaids at an ante-nuptial house party at her home at Churchland.

Her guests are Misses Blanchard and Miss Laura Spencer, of Columbia, Ga.; Miss Alice Farmer, of Frankfort, Ky.; Miss Frances Walt, of Knoxville, Tenn.; Miss Mary Bruce, of Richmond, Va.; and Miss Worthley Wise, of Churchland.

Mrs. H. W. Houchins, Master Newell Houchins and Miss Ida M. Newell will leave for Greenville, S. C., to-day for the month of August.

Dr. H. R. Fairfax, once resident physician at the Retreat for the Sick, is in the city visiting friends. He will sail for Baltimore August 16th for Europe to take a professional in Vienna.

Miss Anne Keith Royal, of this city, who has been the guest in Charlottesville, Va., for several weeks of Miss Louie Antrhin, is now visiting friends at Keswick.

Miss Marie Schutte is the guest of Mrs. J. J. Wilkinson at Buckroe Beach.

Dr. G. P. Eagly, of No. 215 East Franklin Street, is spending the week at Wachapreague on the Eastern Shore. He will not return before August 20th.

Miss Norvell Eubank and Miss Dolly Henry have returned from a very pleasant visit to friends in Newport News.

Misses Helen and Lucy Quarles, Mrs. Stuart P. Stringfellow, children and friend, Miss McDowell, all of Richmond, Va., are guests at Walnut Hills, Orange county, Va.

Miss Marie Brewer, of Danville, Va., who has been taking a course of vocal instruction in Richmond, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Warren have been recent guests at "Bunnyside," Orange county, Va.

Mrs. Hobson, Miss Hild Hobson and Mr. Robert Hobson have returned from spending two weeks at the Pollock cottage, Virginia Beach.

Mrs. John Jackson, of this city, is visiting Mrs. Grace Morrison, in Danville but will return to Virginia Beach before coming to Richmond.

Mrs. W. H. Harrison, Misses Helen

and Dorothy Harrison, Mrs. R. O. Begeron and Miss Albert Begeron, of Petersburg, Va., are spending August in the country home of Mrs. John Coke, near Richmond.

Miss Bertie Ingalls, of Baltimore, Md., accompanied by her little niece, Miss Esther Hoffman, is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Perry, of West Main Street.

Miss Minnie Phaup, of this city, and Miss Virginia Carver, of Chambersburg, Pa., are guests in the family of Mr. J. L. Herndon, of Staunton, Va.

FULTON NEWS.

Supervisor W. H. Frayer, of Vauna District, will shortly announce his candidacy for commissioner of revenue for the State, to succeed Mr. J. H. Hazelwood Kemp. Mr. Kemp will be candidate for sheriff of the county.

Mrs. A. S. Starnes, of the city, of Macdon, Ga., are visiting her sister, Mrs. J. P. Gill, of Denny Street.

Mr. W. L. Wade, of Marion Hill, had his right hand badly mangled Saturday afternoon at the Seventeenth Street Shops of the C. and O. Railway.

Messrs. John and John H. Ballimore, are the guests of Mrs. J. T. Enright, of Louisiana Street.

Mrs. E. R. Mitchell has returned from a visit to relatives in the Kingdom county.

Mr. Royal Childress, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Rodgers, at Axton, Va., has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Reams are at Buckroe Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Austin are visiting friends in New Kent county.

Charles Jordan is extremely ill at the residence of his wife, Mrs. Jordan, of Williamsburg Avenue.

James and Edgar Thompson, of Nicholson Street, are visiting relatives in Newport News.

Harry McCook, of Pinner's Point, is visiting relatives.

Mr. Edward E. Buehr left yesterday for Norfolk.

Captain John H. Peace, who has been visiting relatives at Rodgers, at Axton, Va., has returned to his home in Berkeley.

Mrs. Joseph E. Sorg and children are spending the summer at Rodgers, at Axton, Va., where Mr. Sorg has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. P. L. Rice, has returned to his home in North Carolina.

Mr. Longwood, of Norfolk, spent several days visiting relatives.

Miss Sadie Welmer is visiting relatives in Henrico county, Portsmouth, is visiting his parents in Virginia.

Miss Lurline Johnston, of Powhatan county, is the guest of Miss Mamie Turner, of Marion Hill.

Mr. Gustavus Davis has returned from Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Chalkley, of Washington, are visiting relatives in Fulton, their former home.

Mrs. P. C. Martin and Miss Lillie Davis have returned from Ocean View.

Miss Hattie Marlow, of Portsmouth, is visiting relatives.

Mr. John W. Turner, of Marion Hill, who has been quite sick, is much improved.

Malise, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Gill, is quite sick.

Mrs. James Bowen and Miss Cella Bowen returned last night from Ocean View.

Gov. H. B. Hutson, D. D., has returned home from his European trip looking well and improved in health. He reported a fine voyage, both in going and coming, and had not even a suggestion of seasickness. He had delightful tours in England and the continent, propitious weather, and most enjoyable companionship. He will now resume his church and home duties.

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Repaint Mission House.
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Hon. John Lamb spoke Sunday at the Nineteenth Street Mission before the mass meeting of the Methodist Sunday school of Manchester and Richmond. The speaker was in a happy vein and spoke eloquently of the good work and the noblest of Christian men and women by the Sunday schools of the land. There were several songs and readings, which added much to the programme.

STRANGE FACES
IN LOCAL PULPITS

Visiting Ministers Preach Here
in the Absence of
Pastors.

DR. HUTSON AT HOME AGAIN

Had Enjoyable Trip Abroad and
Resumes Spiritual Direction
of Great Church.

Many Richmond pastors are still out of the city, and their pulpits are being filled by ministers from other cities.

Rev. Dr. L. W. Tingle, of Richhill, S. C., preached Sunday at the Second Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Byron Clark, of Baltimore, supplied at the Grace Street Presbyterian Church Sunday morning and night, completing an engagement at this church that has been most acceptable.

Dr. James P. Smith preached at the Hoge Memorial Church, where he baptized several infants.

Rev. Walter C. Whitaker, of Jackson, Miss., preached Sunday morning in St. Paul's Church. Dr. John Moncure preached at night. Dr. Moncure also conducted morning services in St. John's Church, where he is supplying during the absence of Rev. Mr. Goodwin, pastor.

Euthusiastic Meeting.
Rev. J. W. Mitchell, who has just returned from Franklin county, where he attended the Strawberry Baptist Association, reports a very well attended and a most enthusiastic meeting.

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All Saints Has New Tenor.
The vestry of All Saints' Episcopal Church has secured the services of Mr. R. Lynn Tucker, of Staunton, to fill the position of tenor in the choir of that church.

Mr. Tucker sang at All Saints' Sunday morning, and made a very favorable impression. He has for a number of years been the leading tenor in Trinity Episcopal Church of Staunton. He has been married, and is said to have a fine voice. He will take up his duties in Richmond about September 1st. He is now taking a vacation at the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad in Staunton.

To-day will be celebrated as a fast in the Unit churches of the city. The Feast of the Assumption will be observed at 6, 8 and 10 o'clock.

WANT STENOGRAPHERS.

An Unusual Dearth of Them in Richmond at This Season.

The professional and commercial interests of this city have seriously suffered in the past few days, on account of a very decided dearth of stenographers. The supply of experienced and qualified stenographers in Richmond is at present very short, and the demand, but the business of the city has been almost paralyzed certain days last week.

Many houses let the stenographers go this year on vacations, as usual, depending upon regular mediums for furnishing substitutes, and heretofore, but the fact, as related by Mr. J. P. Howell, a well-known authority on the subject, that Richmond this summer is the headquarters of the most vigorous campaign of political literature ever known in the history of the city, has practically all of the stenographers, over thirty, for this work. These operators, such as are frequently employed in the city, are not permanent operators, and have to be well qualified to fill such places.

Such positions pay better salaries than more of the regular positions of the kind and are much sought after in larger cities of the North. In Richmond, he says, the

NEARLY A HUNDRED.

Mrs. Elvira Austin Dies at Age of Ninety-Seven.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WISCONSIN—SALMON, N. C., August 14.—Mrs. Elvira Austin died Saturday at the advanced age of ninety-seven years. She was the oldest resident of Mocksville, for years he conducted the Kelly Hotel, at Mocksville, which was destroyed by fire December 13th last. The severe shock sustained by the burning of the hotel, it is believed hastened the end. So to the time of the fire, she was remarkably active and retained her excellent mental faculties.

Since then she frequently begged to be taken back to her old home, having forgotten all about the fire.

Keysville Tobacco Market.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
KEYSVILLE, VA., August 14.—The crops of tobacco are better in this section than for years, and in spite of the wet weather are maturing early, and new tobacco is now appearing on the market. The first lot was sold at a "passing" price of 12 cents. Since then it has been coming in daily and bringing satisfactory prices.

Corn on the bottom lands has been considerably damaged by high water.

CARPETS
Another Week.

We had no idea we could sell so many Carpets this time of year, but the prices are what did the business. Most any lady will buy an 80c Brussels Carpets for 39c, or a \$1.40 Velvet for 99c—especially when these prices include laying.

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419, 421, EAST BROAD ST.

25 Per off on all Alaska Refrigerators, Porch Rockers and other Summer Furniture until cleaned out.

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It cures Kidney and Bladder Troubles, Uric Acid, Gout and Rheumatism, Phosphoric Deposits, Inflammation of the Bladder, Dropsical Affections, Brick Dust Deposits, all Forms of Dyspepsia and all Ills Arising from a Disordered Stomach.

For analysis by Dr. Henry Froehling, analytical chemist, and further information, address COMO LITHIA WATER CO., Richmond, Va., or Phone 2905.
Water Delivered in All Parts of the City FRESH DAILY
Fourteen one-half gallon tickets for \$1.00, or five gallons for 50 cents.
DR. I. J. HAWKES, Propr. Phone 2905

supply is exceedingly limited, and he has been obliged to telegraph to-day to Norfolk and Lynchburg to come to the rescue.

At this season of the year many operators have frequently shifted the work on others, but the volume of business in all lines is much heavier than ever before, and it has been necessary to press into service many operators from adjacent towns who desire to come to Richmond.

BURGLARY ALARM.
Ordinance, Long Pending, Has Been Endorsed.

A sub-committee from the Committee on Streets yesterday afternoon endorsed the ordinance granting a franchise to the Automatic Fire Protection Company of Boston, which desires the privilege of installing and operating a burglar alarm system in this city.

The ordinance, which was first introduced in the City Council last year, has been pending before the Street Committee for more than a year, and it was now likely to be finally adopted in a short while.

Mr. P. G. Kern, representing the company, was on hand, but the session was held in the ordinance having heretofore been fully thrashed over, it was not necessary for him to speak. The franchise, when the ordinance shall have been adopted, will be offered for sale to the highest bidder, but the company represented by Mr. Kern will probably be successful.

The system is in use in many cities of the country, and is designed to protect merchants, bankers and private citizens against burglary.

When the system is installed, persons desiring to subscribe may do so in the case of telephones.

ELECTRIC STORM.
Cloudy Weather, Followed by Thunder-Storm.

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